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Local News Items

Born to the wife of C. A. Duke a son on Jan. 17th. Mother and son are doing well.

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Dont forget the play Sat. evening Jan. 25th. The company promises you a money worth and its up to us to support Home Dramatics.

Mr. Geo. Wall was kept at home last Wednesday owing to a severe cold he contracted during the cold weather.

Mr. Roy O'Brien and family has been returned from Cardston where they have been residing the last few months.

Mr. S. S. Newton the popular architect of Cardston was in Raymond last Wednesday shaking hands with his many friends.

Born to the wife of J. V. Thelin a daughter on Jan. 17th. This young lady weighed 12 lbs. on her advent into this world and as far as we know holds the record for this year here in Raymond.

The second oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Wooley has been quite sick the last week owing to some internal trouble. We hope however it won't be long before the little chap is out and around again.

The Alta Theatre showed the World's champion, Johnson and Flynn Prize fight in moving pictures last Monday evening to a large house. The pictures were good and the play was better than the Alta, adds one more success to his already popular Theatre.

A complete set of new switch boards have recently been installed in our local telephone office. It is modern in all ways and places out office among the best equipped of any in the smaller towns.

Mr. Ray Knight who recently visited Raymond a large herd of milk cows, giving the people of the town the benefit of them. Already he has let some twenty cows to neighbors who will keep them all winter.

Mr. H. H. Nicola was a visitor in Raymond on Wednesday, Mr. Nickols, who owns a modern farm about ten miles northwest of Raymond, is living at present in Lethbridge and his brother who has just recently come from the States is looking after his place.

The basket ball game between Magrath and Raymond 2nd, Ward was something easy for the latter. At no time was the Raymond team called upon to extend themselves and merely had a good practice. At the end of the game the score stood 44 to 12 in Raymond's favor. No doubt Magrath will do some hard practicing before another game.

Dr. J. S. Wray leaves for a visit to Eastern Canada on Friday, Jan. 24th. Mr. Wray expects to visit his mother who resides in Milbank Ont. and also attend his brother's wedding. We will have to be shown as to the truthfulness of the statement that it is his brother's wedding he is going to attend or some one else's.

Last Monday night owing to the drifting snow the train from Great Falls did not arrive in Stirling till 3 a. m. as a result the train from Lethbridge bound for Cardston did not pass through Raymond till nearly 4 a. m. A snow plow had

to be sent from the track in some places it having drifted to the depth of three feet.

Pres. Ernest Bramwell of the Knight Academy lectured in the Presbyterian Church last Wednesday night to a large audience. Pres. Bramwell's subject was "The Gospel of Self Help" and it was handled in a masterly manner. When the lecture was concluded many of the congregation met Mr. Bramwell and congratulated him on his splendid effort.

Mr. O. F. Ursenlock, farmer of the Sugar Factory Farm, has moved his family out to the Lake Farm located just East of the Factory Lake. Mrs. Ursenlock and her family are now making about thirty pounds of butter a week but in a short time they expect to turn out about one hundred pounds a week. The butter is to be wrapped in printed wrapper bearing the name of "Lake Farm Butter" and when you get a pound thus marked you can depend on its purity.

The Raymond 2nd, Ward Basket Ball Team meets the Raymond 1st, Ward Basket Ball Team Friday Jan. 24 in the "Gym" of the Knight Academy. These two teams are very evenly matched and an excellent game is looked for when they meet on Friday. If the people of Raymond want some excitement come out and see this game which starts at 7.30 p. m. After the game there will be a dance with 25c extra charge for gentlemen. Admission to the game is 25c reserved seats and 15c general admission.

Mr. Paul's Miller, who just recently returned from a trip to the coast, informs us that the snow in and around Spokane is deeper than it has ever been before, and through the Crow's Nest pass snow plows are continually working to keep the track clear. Mr. Miller states that the boys who left here some time ago to get work in British Columbia are having some rather rough experiences and no doubt have wished many times they were back in the sugar beet section of old Alberta.

Last week Mr. C. A. Bloom one of Swift Current leading architects visited Raymond for the purpose of studying the architecture of our Opera House and the mechanism of our spring floor. Mr. Bloom stated that the Raymond Opera House was well advertised by all the travelling men who have the opportunity of visiting it. Some time ago the Opera House in Swift Current, was burned down and they are going to erect a larger one, to cost about \$25,000. Mr. Bloom has the contract to build this House and come to Raymond for some suggestions. No doubt the new Opera House in Swift Current will have a spring floor and will be fashioned after the Raymond Opera House.

The Raymond 1st, Ward Basket Ball team played the Stirling Basket Ball team in Stirling last Friday evening. As far as the game itself went it was a fine exhibition of basket ball skill and it was not till the end of the game that one could pick the winner. However Stirling won by a score of 31 to 25. There were however some very disagreeable incidents that happened in connection with this game that is it becoming a sister town and Y. M. M. I. A. It is entirely proper for spectators to cheer and applaud the efforts of their home team but when the antagonist is carried as far as it was in Stirling

then a halt should be called and it is up to all of us as M. I. A. workers to try and raise the standard of our contest on such occasions.

One of the best plays seen here for a long time will be presented in Raymond on Feb. 1st under the direction of Mr. B. S. Young. The play is entitled "My Lady Nell" and deals with the rough but good natured lives of the miners in California. Some of the best talent in Raymond makes up the cast and people will get an evenings first class entertainment by patronizing the play. For details of the performance see the large "ad" on the back page.

SUICIDE FOR CRIMINALS.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan 19.—The method to be used here for executing criminals in the State of Utah has become a topic widely discussed since the legislature convened two weeks ago. The latest idea expressed is that condemned criminals be allowed to take their own life, after they have exhausted every means to have the death sentence set aside. The state law now provides that condemned criminals be executed either by shooting or hanging, the choice to be made by person to be executed. Gov. Spry, in his message to the legislature, has recommended that the State adopt the electric chair. Judge Thomas Marionneau, an attorney of this city, has issued a statement in which he sets forth the advantage of the Chinese customs permitting a condemned criminal to commit suicide.

A GENEROUS GIFT.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Articles of incorporation for the so-called "Rockefeller Foundation" to administer a philanthropic fund of \$100,000,000, to be donated by John D. Rockefeller, were passed by the House today, 162 to 65, after desultory opposition. The measure now goes to the Senate.

The bill, introduced by Representative Peters, of Massachusetts names as the incorporators to administer the fund, John D. Rockefeller, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Fredrick T. Gates, Starr J. Murphy, Harry Pratt Judson, Edwin A. Alderman, Wickliffe Rose and Charles O. Heydt, and such persons "as they may associate with themselves."

The object of the foundation is "to promote the well-being and advance the civilization of the people of the United States and its territories and of foreign lands in the dissemination of knowledge, in the prevention and relief of suffering and in the promotion by eleemosynary and philanthropic means of any and all the elements of human progress."

The bill contains a provision prohibiting the foundation adding to the capital fund of \$100,000,000 and forcing the expenditure of the entire income from that fund currently.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Raymond has always been ranked as one of the leading towns in supplying her share of souls to inhabit this earth of ours and Registrar Selman has kindly furnished us with the following statistics

which shows just what we have been doing in that line. Births—1911, 31 males and 28 females; 1912 30 males and 16 females Deaths—1911, 14 males, 4 females; 1912, 3 males, 3 females, Marriages—1911, 13; 1912, 15. Mr. Selman also showed a copy of the Dominion Law concerning Births, Deaths and Marriages and it stated that a negligence on the part of any one of these things could mean a \$50 fine. There is no charge for the registration of any birth, death or marriage so there should be no reason why these things should not be attended to.

MORE EFFICIENT MAIL SERVICE

The secretary of the Associate Boards of Trade is advised by Mr. G. H. Davidson, superintendent railway mail service, Calgary, that if any more interchange to lock bags are required on the line from Lethbridge to Cardston, he will be glad to hear from any town requiring such and give it his prompt attention.

The Associate Boards of Trade some months ago took up the matter of improving the mail service on the Coombs and Cardston routes, and recommended the establishing of railway postal offices on each branch in order to obviate the delay in handling mail between towns. It is cited that a letter mailed in Stirling addressed to a party in Raymond, seven miles distant, required 30 to 45 hours. For example a letter mailed on Monday afternoon at Stirling would be sent to Lethbridge on Tuesday morning and be sent back over the line to Raymond the afternoon following too late on Tuesday night to be answered in time for the Friday morning mail, so that the reply would go out on Thursday morning, arrive in Lethbridge that morning for transference and return to Stirling that evening, and it would be Friday morning before the party awaiting it received it—five days for a letter and answer to travel 14 miles.

The postal authorities report that they have made a count of the number of letters posted at Stirling for places between Stirling and Cardston, and there is an average of one a day, and that if the Stirling mail service was increased it meant an increase of pay of the courier of \$6 a week.

The fact that only one letter a day is handled on an average may be accounted for by the delay, the service being so slow that people take advantage of the telephone to transact their business between these towns, and the authorities have been asked to further investigate with a view to securing if the granting of an improved service would not increase the business.

GOOD SEEDING

Prof. Bedford's book sent free to farm ers interested enough to ask for it

Under the appropriate title "Good Seeding," the Better Farming Association of Winnipeg, have issued an attractive booklet written by Prof. S. A. Bedford, deputy minister of Agriculture for Manitoba. It is being sent free of charge to all farmers who are sufficiently interested to send in their names. Prof. Bedford's needs no introduction to the farmers of Western Canada. Prior to assuming his present office he was professor of Field Husbandry at the M. A. C. It was, however, as superintendent

of the Dominion Experimental Farm at Brandon, Man., that Prof. Bedford made his greatest contribution to farming in this country. Needless to say in dealing with the timely subject of "Good Seeding," he has drawn up his thirty years of experience, which peculiarly qualifies him to deal with it.

The Better Farming Association has associated with it on an advisory board such men as Sir Wm. Whyte, R. E. Riley, vice president Union Bank of Canada, and managing director of the Northern Trusts; E. A. Mott, president Winnipeg Board of Trade; William Pearson, and a number of other well known citizens. Among the agriculturists identified with the work are Prof. S. A. Bedford, H. L. Bolley, Thos. Shaw, Norman M. Ross, Indian Head, Sask.; Jas. Murry, Shiffield, Alta.; Arch. Mitchell, Coaldale, Alta.; A. A. Rifford and several other specialists.

This Better Farming organization was formerly the Correspondence School of Scientific Farming, but it has widened its province and while aiming to give the maximum return at the smallest-outlay is not a big money making organization. As intimated above there is absolutely no charge made for Prof. Bedford's booklet, "Good Seeding." It will be sent free, postage prepaid to all who are sufficiently interested enough in "making good" to ask for it. It is not being cheapened by being sent broadcast. You've got to ask for it. We would advise you to do so. Send your name and address to "The Better Farming Association," 4th Floor, Bell Block, Winnipeg, and you will get a copy.

PARCELS POST IN UNITED STATES

Washington, January — Uncle Sam's scheme to assist Mr. Ultimate Consumer in coping with the high cost of living has gone into effect. The parcels post was inaugurated throughout the nation; the federal government began its competition against the express companies.

Telegrams from postmasters to the Postoffice Department here today indicated that the general public has taken hold of the parcels plan with enthusiasm. The first day's business promises to be of an enormous magnitude.

Uncle Sam's "express business" is expected to aid in cheaper marketing of food products and to lessen transportation cost in small packages—the sort of matter in which the express companies heretofore had a practical monopoly, because of the high postage rates. The United States is one of the last of the world's great nations to adopt the parcels post. The plan has been in operation in European countries for several years.

As with the express packages the rates under the parcels plan depend on the distance the mail matter is sent. Packages weighing four ounces or less will be sent at the old flat postage rate of one cent an ounce, to all sections of the country. The largest package mailable under the parcels post is eleven pounds.

The minimum rate under the new plan will be five cents for the first pound and three cents for each additional pound to any point not exceeding fifty miles from the office mailing. The local rate, which is five cents for

the first pound and one cent for each additional pound, applies to all parcels the delivery of which does not involve their transportations on railway lines—and this means on rural routes or local carriers' rounds. The rates increase for each successive one of the eight zones, into which the Postoffice Department has divided the country, the maximum rate being twelve cents a pound which will carry a parcel across the continent or to any of the possessions of this country. All parcels must not be more than 6 feet long or 6 feet in girth.

A mailable parcel may be insured against loss in an amount equivalent to its actual value, but not to exceed \$50.

The parcels post is far more comprehensive than the average person thinks. It is possible under it to send almost any kind of package, other than explosives, poisons, fire arms, intoxicating beverages, or obscene matter.

Among the mailable matter are: Butter, eggs, vegetables, lard, fresh meats, groceries, medicines, pastes, salves, seeds of fruit nursery stock, candies, confectionary, yeast cakes, soap, flour, meal millinery, toys, musical instruments, salted, dried and smoked meats, ink, powders, pepper, snuff and paper.

Of instructions in wrapping packages, the Postoffice Department puts particular stress on the shipment of eggs. Each egg must be wrapped separately and surrounded with excelsior, cotton, or other suitable material, and packed in a container made of double corrugated pasteboard, metal or wood in such manner as to place each egg on its end and to prevent them from striking together or against the side or top of the container. They must be so closely wrapped that even in case one should break there would be no leakage out in the other mail.

Parcels post packages are stamped and mailed just as other mail matter—the only difference being that special stamps must be used. Packages prepaid with ordinary stamps will be carried at regular mail rates, an difference being collected from the addressee. The parcels post stamps are all green and measure one by one and one half inches—a new size in government stamps. They are obtainable in nearly all denominations up to \$1 the subjects of the engravings being:—1c—"Postoffice Clerk"; 3c, "City Carrier"; 3c, "Railway Postal Clerk"; 4c, "Rural Carrier"; 5c, "Mail Train"; 10c, "Steamship and Mail Tender"; 15c, "Automobile Service"; 20c, "Aeroplane Carrying Mail"; 25c, "Manufacturing"; 50c, "Dairying"; 75c, "Harvesting"; \$1, "Fruit-growing."

In order that the postmaster in every city and his patrons may see exactly what the charges are for packages, every post office has been furnished with special "zone" and "unit" maps—showing the exact scale of charges for packages sent to any destination from that particular office. Preparations of these maps has kept the department busy for months.



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Thursday, January 23, 1913

Last Sunday night was the coldest we have had yet this winter. The mercury dropping owing to 36 degrees below zero. But on Monday along came our old friend "Mr. Chinook Wind" and soon the mercury jumped up to 40 degrees above. It makes no difference how cold it was we seem to forget all about it when the warm weather comes.

THE COAL QUESTION

For the past two weeks the people of Raymond have been very much inconvenienced owing to the fact that there has been practically no coal in town. For ten days both dealers were out of coal and those unlucky people who happened to be out at the same time either burned their "chicken coop" or lived with their more fortunate friends. This shortage of coal at a time like this is a serious proposition and the Leader has taken some pains to find out who is to blame. The coal-dealers themselves say that they are doing their best to keep coal on hand and supply the demand. Mr. Fettes says he has ten cars of coal on order but simply can't get them. Mr. Hardy, Mgr. of the Galt Coal Co. of Lethbridge, upon being interviewed by the Leader stated that it was not the dealers' fault nor was it the fault of the Company but conditions were such that they could not possibly mine the coal fast enough for the demand and then too, for three days last week not a coal-car was available. Mr. Hardie says the mines are working both night and day and everything is being done that can be to supply sufficient coal for the demand. This being the case, the coal-dealers should as soon as possible build bins and store sufficient coal to carry them over these coal stringencies. Where it is possible every coal buyer should lay in enough of a supply and keep it replenished until the severe weather is past and then we wouldn't have to suffer that dangerous inconvenience of being without coal when it is 30 degrees below zero.

National Interest.

Acting in co-operation with the provincial department of agriculture, the minister of education, will, during the summer, organize a series of short course schools in agriculture for teachers of elementary schools, and hereafter an elementary course in agriculture will

be part of the rural schools curriculum.

"It is the intention of the department to give all pupils in rural schools an elementary course in agriculture," said Hon. John R. Boyle in making the announcement regarding the policy of his department, "and this will be followed up by establishing and sustaining agricultural colleges at all the provincial government demonstration farms. These colleges, which will be operated by the department of education and the department of agriculture, will be for the boys and girls after they have left school, and at these institutions they will be given advanced education in scientific and practical farming and in the domestic arts." Mr. Boyle also announced that it was the policy of the department to encourage manual training and domestic science in all schools in the province.

The advanced ideas of the provincial government in these matters are receiving the support and approval of prominent educationists all over the West, and in fact all over the Dominion, and it is predicted that other provinces will shortly be forced to take up the work along these lines which has been so ably started by the Alberta government.

Grain Quotations

Winnipeg, Jan. 16th, 1912
Office of Monarch Grain Company.
Wheat.—The situation in wheat has been steadily improving; prices continue to advance, and the demand for cash wheat is excellent, although the offerings are small. The market has a firm tone, cash prices for contract grades being about 2c higher than last week, while tough and lower grades are nearly 3c higher. Exporters are buying all they can for all rail shipment, as well as for the completion of the loading of the storage boats. The prospects are brighter for wheat reaching its normal value of from 90c to a dollar, a bushel in the near future. The world's shipments have been below the average for the week, America, including Canada, contributing more than half. Canadian wheat is in great demand by European millers for mixing purposes. As far as supply and demand are concerned the influence, as for bullish markets. Should there be a continuance of the War with Turkey and the Balkans States a bullish influence may be felt in the financial world, but this may possibly react in favor of wheat. Today's cash prices:—No. 1, Nor. 84 1/2c. No. 2, Nor. 81 1/2c. No. 3, Nor. 78 1/2c. No. 4, wheat, 74c. No. 5 wheat 68 1/2c. No. 6 wheat 62 1/2c. Alberta Red Winter wheat, No. 1 84 7/8c. No. 2 81 7/8c. No. 3 78 1/2c. No. 4 75 1/2c. No. 5 72 1/2c. No. 6 69 1/2c. No. 7 66 1/2c. No. 8 63 1/2c. No. 9 60 1/2c. No. 10 57 1/2c. No. 11 54 1/2c. No. 12 51 1/2c. No. 13 48 1/2c. No. 14 45 1/2c. No. 15 42 1/2c. No. 16 39 1/2c. No. 17 36 1/2c. No. 18 33 1/2c. No. 19 30 1/2c. No. 20 27 1/2c. No. 21 24 1/2c. No. 22 21 1/2c. No. 23 18 1/2c. No. 24 15 1/2c. No. 25 12 1/2c. No. 26 9 1/2c. No. 27 6 1/2c. No. 28 3 1/2c. No. 29 0 1/2c. No. 30 0 1/2c. No. 31 0 1/2c. No. 32 0 1/2c. No. 33 0 1/2c. No. 34 0 1/2c. No. 35 0 1/2c. No. 36 0 1/2c. No. 37 0 1/2c. No. 38 0 1/2c. No. 39 0 1/2c. No. 40 0 1/2c. No. 41 0 1/2c. No. 42 0 1/2c. 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